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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to a second non-final office action in the above case dated June 23, 2006, in which the Examiner found that claims 8, 9, 11, 19, 20, 22, 30, 31, and 33 are allowable, found that claims 2, 5, 13, 16, 24, and 27 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form, and rejected claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 23, 25, 26, 28, and 29 as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art. Applicants amended independent claims 1, 12, and 23 to include the requirements of allowable claims 2, 13, and 24 to place the remaining claims in condition for allowance. Claims 2, 13, and 24 are canceled. Applicants submit that all pending claims 1, 3-12, 14-23, and 25-33 are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11.